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UDOT Opens Seven New Miles of Mountain View Corridor

Roadway Features UDOT's First Radar Activated Bike Turn Signal

Salt Lake City, UT – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) marked a significant milestone today as the largest section of Mountain View Corridor (MVC) opened to the public two months ahead of schedule. Hundreds of cyclists turned out to enjoy seven new miles of MVC, which features striped bike lanes and multi-use trails from Porter Rockwell Blvd. at 16000 South to Old Bingham Highway. This new roadway also features UDOT's first ever radar activated bike turn signal, a unique and innovative safety feature that allows cyclists to turn left onto MVC from Redwood Road.

The seven new miles combine with a two-mile section that UDOT opened earlier this year to make nine miles of new roadway. An additional six miles will open from Old Bingham Highway to 5400 South in December 2012.

"UDOT is proud to meet the community's needs by opening this section of Mountain View Corridor early," said MVC Project Director Teri Newell. "This roadway provides a great alternate route for Salt Lake County commuters and provides the public with nine miles of striped bike lanes in each direction and multi-use trails."

While this opening will provide increased mobility, it will require motorists to adjust their driving patterns and learn how to navigate a new one-way road system. To help drivers and cyclists learn how to navigate the new roadway, UDOT has produced a navigational video that motorists can access by visiting the project website:

www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview. Signs are also posted along the corridor and at each intersection to help motorists adjust to the new traffic patterns.

In this area of the project, the one-way northbound and southbound roadways are the future frontage roads for the planned freeway. As part of the initial construction, UDOT is building two lanes in each direction with signalized intersections where future interchanges will be located. To meet projected transportation demands in the year 2030, future construction will build out the remainder of the corridor by adding interchanges and inside lanes to achieve a fully functional freeway that will connect with I-80 in Salt Lake County and I-15 in Lehi.

High Definition b-roll footage of today's bike ride and community celebration will be available for media use, courtesy of UDOT. We will provide you with a link to download the video this afternoon.

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

For more information on the project and to view the latest videos and interactive map, visit the Mountain View Corridor website (udot.utah.gov/mountainview). Drivers can stay informed on all construction activities by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/mountainview and following the project on facebook.com/mountainviewcorridor and twitter.com/udotmvc.

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